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Dr. Susan Hedman
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RE: Withdrawal Request for Minnesota's Attainment Demonstration SIP for the 2008 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Eagan, Minnesota surrounding Gopher Resource, LLC

Dear Dr. Hedman:

I am writing to officially withdraw the State of Minnesota's attainment demonstration State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the 2008 lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for the nonattainment area surrounding Gopher Resource, LLC in Eagan, Minnesota (Eagan area). The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) submitted an attainment demonstration SIP for the nonattainment area to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on June 19, 2012.

Monitoring data shows that the Eagan area has been attaining the 2008 lead NAAQS since 2012. The MPCA has submitted to EPA the complete, quality-assured, and certified ambient air monitoring data for the 2012-2014 design period demonstrating the area's attainment of the standard. On August 24, 2015, EPA issued a clean data determination for this area with an effective date of October 23, 2015, (80 FR 51127). Since the area has attained the 2008 lead standard before the attainment date of December 31, 2015, this determination of attainment suspends attainment demonstration SIP planning requirements for the area, and we therefore wish to withdraw our June 2012 SIP submittal. At a future date, MPCA will prepare a redesignation request and maintenance plan for EPA's review to formally redesignate the Eagan area to attainment.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Jarrett Smith of my staff at 651-757-2486 or at amanda.smith@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,


John Linc Stine
Commissioner

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cc: Douglas Aburano, EPA